

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 2-26. Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 2-14 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of these claim amendments.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 15-20 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner indicates that Claims 2, 4-14 and 21-26 contain allowable subject matter if amended to incorporate limitations from base claims and if amended to correct any informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating.

Applicant has incorporated limitations from Claim 1 into Independent Claim 4. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Independent Claim 4. Claims 2 and 5-14 depend from Independent Claim 4. Therefore, Claims 2 and 5-14 are respectfully believed to be allowable.

Independent Claim 21 has been amended to correct an informality. Therefore, Claim 21 is respectfully believed to be allowable. Claims 22-26

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DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to for informalities. Applicant has attached hereto formal drawings. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objection to the drawings.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 2, 3, 14, and 21 are objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended Claims 2, 3, 14, and 21 to correct minor informalities. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated Lin et al. U.S. Patent 6,810,442 (hereinafter, Lin). Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection to Claim 1 is moot. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Independent Claim 4, which is respectfully believed to be allowable for reasons discussed above. Therefore, Claim 3 is respectfully believed to be allowable.

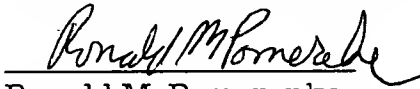
CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that no contested claims remain in the case. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all remaining claims, Claims 2-26.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant remarks and declaration, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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